



**Testimony
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The Connecticut Water Works Association (CWWA), an association of private, municipal and regional water utilities, appreciates the opportunity to submit comments regarding ***SB-460, AN ACT REGARDING IDENTIFYING RESIDENTS IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE***.

SB-460 would create a pilot program to help identify people that may be eligible for public assistance by reaching out to households that are delinquent in paying their water bills. This is certainly a laudable goal.

As a proposed bill, however, there is very little detail as to how this program would work and what information utilities would have to provide. Recognizing the need to maintain the privacy of our customers, water utilities are not permitted to share information regarding billing or other account information with anyone other than the customer of record. As such, it is unclear how information regarding delinquent accounts could be shared with municipalities or other entities without jeopardizing the privacy of customers.

CWWA would like to be involved in any discussions regarding these issues as the bill language evolves in the legislative process.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Municipal Tax Offices and Required Legal Notice Costs

Ashford	500.00
Barkhamsted	475.00
Bethel	3,150.00
Bloomfield*	630.00 Tax Only
Bloomfield**	420.00 Blue Hills Fire District
Bloomfield***	420.00 Central Fire District
Bolton	350.00
Branford	186.36
Bridgeport	3,990.52
Bridgewater	250.00
Brooklyn	2,500.00 Norwich Bulletin
Canton	718.50
Chaplin	800.00
Cheshire*	1,500.00 Tax
Cheshire**	750.00 Sewer Use
Chester	495.00
Columbia	1,187.00
Conventry	1,380.00
Cromwell	184.00
Danbury	2,000.00
Darien	400.00
Deep River	500.00
East Hartford	1,100.00
East Haven	700.00
East Windsor	800.00
Easton	714.00
Fairfield	400.00
Farmington	454.53
Groton	1,973.25
Gulford	300.00
Hamden	1,500.00
Jewett City	1,500.00
Kent	360.00
Killingly	5,500.00 Taxes, Sewer Use & Assessments
Ledyard	1,209.30
Manchester	800.00
Meriden*	3,040.00 Tax Only
Meriden**	3,325.00 Water & Sewer
Milford	2,540.00
Monroe	1,800.00
New Fairfield	207.10
New Haven **	3,000.00 La Voz. Local Spanish newspaper
New Haven *	3,500.00 New Haven Register
Newington	1,000.00

Newtown	3,566.40	
North Branford*	1,000.00	Tax Sewer Use & Assessments
North Branford**	1,000.00	
Plainfield	1,876.08	
Plainville	1,500.00	
Prospect		
Putnam	450.00	
Redding	1,000.00	
Ridgefield	1,050.00	
Roxbury	212.00	
Scotland	1,065.00	
Seymour	650.00	
Sherman	267.05	
Simsbury	460.00	
Southington	957.60	
Sprague	1,234.52	
Thompson	500.00	
Tolland	1,350.00	
Trumbull	3,800.00	CT Post & Trumbull Times
Vernon	460.00	
Waterbury	1,000.00	
Watertown	602.00	
West Hartford	800.00	
Wethersfield	1,976.68	
Winchester	3,700.00	Taxes, Sewer Use & Assessments
Windham	1,200.00	
Windsor	600.00	
Windsor Locks	800.00	
Woodbridge	1,200.00	